

Noyes Library Advisory Committee
Thursday, September 19, 2019, 7:15 pm
Kensington Park Public Library

Attendees: Mark Winek (chair), Brigitte Dubois (secretary), Christine Freeman (agency manager), Toni Negro (library board liaison), Joanne Gillespie, Sarah Stanton

1. Call to order: 7:25 pm
2. Introductions
3. Minutes from April 2019
 - a. There was not a quorum of members, so the past minutes were not approved
4. Schedule of future meetings
 - a. The meeting schedule for 2019-2020 was set. According to the LAC handbook, five meetings must be scheduled and at least three must be held. Consensus was to hold meetings on second Thursdays.
 - b. The schedule of meetings will be set for November 14, January 9, February 13, March 12 and May 14. This will be reconfirmed at the next meeting
5. Reports
 - a. Chair's report (Mark)
 - i. Membership:
 1. There are currently eight current voting members of the LAC.
 2. Recruitment of new members were discussed. Christine will post a sign in Noyes Children's Library to recruit new members. Toni suggested creating a display at Noyes that contains LAC applications placed next to a suggestion box.
 - b. Agency manager's report (Christine)
 - i. Collections:
 1. Noyes has been benefiting from a system-wide collection process in which books are transferred between libraries, resulting in new books being made available to Noyes but also stretching the library's space limitations.
 - ii. Facility:
 1. The size of usable space in the Noyes building will be slightly smaller after renovation. Brigitte suggested exploring the possibility of making use of the mansion in Warner Circle.
 - iii. Programming:
 1. Christine noted that Noyes is now fully staffed and asked for feedback about new staff members (Shawn, Luz and Becky) and the programming they lead. LAC members reported being pleased with the staff's interactions with children and dynamic programming.
 2. Programming is taking place every day that Noyes is open.
 3. Attendance at programs has been high. Library staff recently shifted from doing online registration for baby storytime programs to ticketing. A training through Noyes' Jan Jablonski Early Literacy Training Center was recently held for librarians and early childhood educators at Gaithersburg Library.

4. Christine asked members to think about and share ideas for interesting programming possibilities, seen at other libraries or elsewhere.

c. Library board liason report (Toni):

1. Toni recommended visiting the newly opened Wheaton Library, created in conjunction with the county recreation department.
2. Councilmember Jawando is scheduled to be at the Chevy Chase library on Monday, Sept. 23. He is interested in promoting libraries and is holding a series of meetings at local libraries.
3. September is National Library Card Signup Month. MCPL is focusing on registering 20-40 year olds.
4. The combined library meeting will be held Nov. 6 at Gaithersburg Library.
5. A library staff training, "Turn the Curve," will be held Oct. 4, with a goal of increasing numbers of active users of libraries. Only 21% of Montgomery County residents are active library users.
6. Lynda.com, a streaming service for learning available to patrons through MCPL, will be discontinued due to privacy issues.
7. MCPL has received five awards for outstanding programming.
8. Montgomery County Friends of the Library sponsored a new mural for the recently renovated Connie Morella Library in Bethesda.
9. Six new members have joined the MCPL board. There may be some reassignment of library board liaisons as a result; any changes will be shared at the Oct. 23 board meeting.
10. LAC handbook: Jane Williams, vice chair of the library board, has asked for feedback about the final edition of the LAC handbook from LAC members by email; the new handbook will be finalized at the Oct. 23 board meeting.
11. The MCPL annual report was changed this year so that more information could be included about LAC activities.
12. LAC achievement award: Toni encouraged LAC members to consider submitting an application (by Oct. 23) for an LAC achievement award in response to last year's LAC project installing two road signs directing visitors to Noyes (on Connecticut Ave and Howard Ave). Mark will connect with Laura and Paulette, who were involved in that project, regarding the possibility of submitting an application.

d. Noyes Foundation report:

- i. The Foundation rep. was not present; Mark read from the report provided.
- ii. The Foundation participated in the Kensington Labor Day parade.
- iii. The Kensington Train Show was Sept. 7-8. Attendance was not as high as the previous year.
- iv. A Family Bingo and Craft event will be held on Oct. 5 at Town Hall; LAC members were invited to volunteer.
- v. New banners promoting the renovation will be put up at Noyes.
- vi. Toni noted that the MCPL director would like Noyes to be considered a county-wide library, not just a local library; and pointed out that perhaps greater fundraising responsibilities for Noyes should be shouldered beyond the local community.

6. Unfinished business:

- a. Christine noted that parking enforcement has recently ticketed cars around Noyes. The group agreed to keep parking issues in mind as a potential initiative for the year.

7. New business:
 - a. Toni encouraged the LAC to consider identifying a project to focus on this year.
 - b. Toni also encouraged LAC members to attend Councilmember Jawando's upcoming town meetings and be vocal as representatives of Noyes.
 - c. Toni also encouraged LAC members to consider submitting an application for the LAC achievement award regarding last year's signage project.
8. Open Floor (no comments)
9. Adjournment: 8:48 pm